



# MEMORANDUM

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Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO  
Commissioner  
Department of Housing & Community Development

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: September 21, 2012

Re: **City Council Bill 12-0120 – Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation – Review of Plans for City-Owned Property**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0120, which was introduced for the purpose of extending the period for the Commission's review and report on the proposed reconstruction, alteration, or demolition of City-owned property; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions; and generally relating to historical and architectural preservation.

The bill, if adopted, would adjust the language in Article 6, Subtitle 4 of the Baltimore City Code in the plans section related to City-owned structures. The amendments proposed in this bill appear to: (i) clarify certain language concerning when certain responsible agencies are required to refer plans to the Commissioner for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP); and (ii) extend the maximum amount of time CHAP is allowed for review from receipt of a referral to submission of its finding to the Mayor and relevant responsible agency from forty-five (45) days to ninety (90) days.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 12-0120.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*  
Ms. Kaliopé Parthemós, *Deputy Mayor*

